to some constraints, the commissioning of the project have so far been delayed by six years; if so, what are these projects and the reasons for their delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The main reasons for delay include financial constrants, cost escalation, inadequate investigations at the project formulation stage, difficulties in land acquisition and non-availability of forest land and building materials at times. These have been resulting in overall cost escalation of projects.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to priorities the projects for optimal allocation of available resources and lay stress on completion of ongoing projects.

(d) The commissioning of Sindh Phase-I and Rangwan HLC have been delayed by about six years due to financial constraints, non-transfer of forest land to the Irrigation Department, as also change in the scope of the project.

Gold Deposits of Goans in Portugese Bank

1157. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of families in Goa who had deposited gold ornaments worth crores as security in Portugese Bank before the liberation of Goa will be getting them back soon;

(b) if so, whether Portugal Bank has agreed to disburse the amounts and ornaments to the families of those who had deposited the same;

(c) if so, what is the total number of families whose gold was deposited at the Portugal Bank and whether all the families have been assured that the gold ornaments will be returned to them; and

(d) what are the arrangements to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A large number of persons in Goa had deposited gold ornaments as security for loans with the Portuguese Bank (Banco Nacional Ultra Marino). The question of return of these ornaments and other securities has been taken up with the Portuguese Government through diplomatic channels. An official indication about the return of these ornaments and securities is awaited from the Portuguese side.

(c) and (d) While information about the total number of families is not available, it is estimated that loans advanced against these ornaments relate to 6531 accounts. The question of return of the gold to the families is dependent upon the decision of the Portuguese Government.

Strategy to Build Indian Navy

1158. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a part of strategy to build up a Blue Water Navy capable of projecting India's power beyond Indian shores Government plans to purchase a second aircraft carrier for the Navy;

(b) whether it is a fact that India is the tenth largest naval power in the World;

(c) if so, whether Govt. plans to consolidate its current position;

(d) whether any such scheme for improving the position in regard to the naval strength is being prepared;

(e) if so, the details of the programme; and

(f) to what extent the strength of the Indian navy will be strengthened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (f) The Indian Navy acquired the second aircraft carrier INS "Viraat" in May 1987. The Government are taking appropriate steps to modernise and strengthen the Navy in keeping with its intended role. Further details in this regard cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.

Implementation of Geneva Accord

1159. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have sought the cooperation of World Power to make Pakistan implement Geneva Accord on Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have from time to time discussed the Afghan issue with concerned countries. We have repeatedly emphasised the need for strict implementation of the Geneva accords. It is our impression that international opinion is strongly in favour of the observance of the Geneva accords.

आदिवासी क्षेत्रों की सिंचाई योजनाओं को स्वीकृति

1160. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या जल संपाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसी कितनी बृहद सिंचाई योजनाएं हैं जिन्हें स्वीकृति दिए जाने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के स्तर पर विचार किया जा रहा है और जिनके कार्यान्वयन के फलस्वरूप आदिवासियों की भूमि, घर और गांव डूब जाएंगे :

(ख) क्या सरकार इन योजनाओं को शीघ्र स्वीकृति देने जा रही है ;

(ग) क्या इन योजनाओं को स्वीकृति उपयुक्त पुनर्वास कार्य करने के बाद ही दी जाएगी; और

(घ) क्या बोधघाट योजना (बस्तर, मध्य प्रदेश) जैसी लम्बे समय से लम्बित पड़ी बृहद योजनाओं को स्वीकृति दिए जाने के संबंध में सरकार द्वारा कोई निर्णय लिया गया है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में बांधों का निर्माण

1161. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में भूमिक्षरण रोकने, भू-जलस्तर बढ़ाने, सिंचाई तथा निस्तार के लिए पानी की उपलब्धता में वृद्धि करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों को इन क्षेत्रों में नदी-नालों पर अवरोधक बांध (स्टाप डेम) बनाने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा कितनी राशि की मांग की गई और उसके मुकाबले उसे कितनी राशि दी गई ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो केन्द्र आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के लिए उपयोगी इस योजना के लिए कब ऐसी सहायता देना शुरू करेगा ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) चूंकि अवरोधक बांधों का निर्माण केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित स्कीमों का एक घटक